

# The RIM Newsletter

# Rotary

# InMotion



Club 16 (2809) District 6290, Chartered May 1, 1916  
<http://www.muskegonrotary.org>

*Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*



Celebrating the people, events, and actions of the Muskegon Rotary Club

December 18, 2025

Next Meeting January 8, 2026, 12-1:30pm — Chicken Alfredo at the **Lake House**  
Program Topic – Snurfer Returns to Muskegon

## What's Coming

Dec 25 – No Meeting  
Jan 1 – No Meeting  
Jan 8 – Snurfer Returns to Muskegon

## Upcoming Birthdays

Jan 10 Megan Byard Karaba  
Jan 11 Gregory Borgman  
Jan 11 Robert Cook  
Jan 11 Trevor Hopkins  
Jan 11 Josh Silvis  
Jan 13 John Selmon  
Jan 14 Merica Dobry  
Jan 14 Mark Eisenbarth

## Caring

### Connections Fund

[Click this link to donate \\$10 on your birthday](#)



### Greeters This Week

Michelle Lipka, Irma Carney, & Joanie Smith



### Reflector This Week

Eric Seifert



### Muskegon Rotary Board

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### RIM Reporting this Edition

Photographer – Wyatt Huggett  
RIM Reporter – Meredith Smillie  
RIM Editor – Susan Besteman

### Holiday Luncheon Jingle Mingle

Musicians: Kai Chuhn Chang, Greg Bassett, Alex Wilson, Kip Hickman, and Riley Lindsey  
RIM Reporter: **Meredith Smillie**

Holiday cheer filled the room as Rotarians gathered for another joy-packed Christmas Luncheon, fondly known as the *Jingle and Mingle*. Members arrived decked out in their brightest Christmas bling, sharing laughter, warm hugs, and the spirit of the season with fellow Rotarians and their guests.

Our ever-talented photographer, **Wyatt Huggett**, captured the magic with plenty of merry moments to choose from for the RIM!





The Delta team treated us to a comforting holiday meal of pot roast, mashed potatoes, and steamed broccoli.



Our Rotary Youth Exchange inbounds declared it "one of the best meals they have had since arrival," adding to the day's festive glow.



The celebration continued with an uplifting performance by the West Michigan Symphony Brass Quintet. From cherished Hanukkah melodies to Kwanzaa rhythms to classic Christmas favorites, Kai-Chuhn Chang, Greg Bassett, Alex Wilson, Kip Hickman, and Riley Lindsey filled the room with music that spanned traditions and touched every heart—earning a standing ovation.





President-Elect **Roger Morgenstern** even broke out a tie for the occasion (a rare, holiday-only sighting, he promises!). He reminded us that our next time together will be in 2026 at the Lake House for one special luncheon before we return to the Delta. **Eric Seifert** opened the celebration with a beautiful reminder that our club continues to quietly brighten the world—no bows or ribbons needed.



Wishing everyone a joyful, peaceful, and truly magical holiday season. 🎄 ✨



### RIM Reporting Team

Co-Editors: Susan Besteman

Jackie Farrar, & Ginny Sprague

Reporters: Kathy Moore, Roger Morgenstern, Meredith Smillie, & Sue Samaniego

Photographers: Wyatt Huggett & Roger Morgenstern

If interested in joining the RIM team, [click here](#) to email the editors. 😊

## Visitors & Guests

**Dominique Bunker** with the Rotary Inbound Students Ella, Dede, & Simon

**Parker Aerts**—Dawson Chapman

**Dennis Atkinson**—Dawn Atkinson

**Susan Besteman**—Mark Besteman

**Marianne Bockheim-Verhil**—Tom Verhil

**Mary Boyd**—Robert Boyd

**Cathy Brubaker-Clarke**—Doug Clarke

**Jane Clingman-Scott**—Greg Scott

**Larry Fife**—Wife

**Jim Fisher**—Keith Mitchell

**Carla Flanders**—Jason Flanders

**Martha Fohlbrook**—Greg DeVoursney

**Rachel Gorman**—Brennen Gorman

**Brad Hastings**—Ashley Arnouts

**Marcia Hovey-Wright**—Marria Mcintosh

**Kat Hyder**—Brock Hyder

**Annette Jack**—John Jack

**Karen Kekelik**—Steven Kekelik

**Chad Lawie**—LeeAnn Lawie

**Tim Lipan**—Lynnette Lipan

**Nancy McCarthy**—Ed Hunt

**Jenny McNeill**—Cavan Berry

**Logan Metcalf**—Dakota

Steinhauer

**Melissa Moore**—Alice Moore

**Kristi Nagengast**—Don

Nagengast

**John Noling**—Sue Noling

**Frank & Emma Peterson**—Lila

Torresen

**Christine Robere**—Marv Robere

**Bob Scolnik**—Jane Wright

**Eric Seifert**—Denise Montambo

**Ammy Seymour**—Brad Seymour

**John Snider**—Kathy Snider

**Jamie Sowa**—Chris Sowa

**Meredith Smillie**—Trent Smillie

**Marty Sytsema**—Anna Sytsema

**Robert Taylor**—Priscilla Taylor

**Lisa Tyler**—Aaron Tyler

**Doug Wood**—Kim Wood

## Announcements

### Rotary ReWine Schedule

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month  
5:00-5:15pm Social time  
5:15pm Meeting start time at the Core Plaza (Vault)

**NO MEETING January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**RSVPs are due by Wednesday at 5pm for the Thursday meeting.**

Contact **Kaytie Drake** at [kaytieely@aol.com](mailto:kaytieely@aol.com) to RSVP (total # of people including any guests you are bringing) or if you have any further questions.

## ReWine Satellite Club Dine to Donate Fundraiser!

Get ready to enjoy some great food—and support a great cause! Join the ReWine Satellite Club as we rally support to help our Interact and Rotaract clubs grow, lead, and make an impact. Your participation fuels service projects that uplift local communities, supports international service trips, and builds essential leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Together, we can empower these amazing young leaders and champion the work they're doing—near and far!

Fundraiser will be held on:

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026**

**(All Day) at**

**Red Robin**

**5785 Harvey St,  
Norton Shores**

(20% of your food purchase will go towards this fundraiser)

Eat in person or order online. For orders to count towards the fundraiser, supporters must:

- Show the fundraiser flyer, email, or social post to your server in the restaurant, or
- Add the fundraiser to your cart ("Fundraiser To-Go") if you're ordering online (find this at the bottom of the menu categories on our online ordering homepage or mobile app).

Thank you for your support! Contact **Esther Ricco** or **Kaytie Drake** for additional questions.

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**20% OF FOOD SALES\*  
BACK TO**

**ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF  
MUSKEGON – REWINE**

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

**FUNDRAISER DETAILS**  
5785 Harvey St., Norton, MI 49444  
January 13, 2026\*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at [redrobin.com/order](http://redrobin.com/order) and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](http://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

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## Muskegon Rising Podcast S2E50: Norman Young – Man Cave



This week, we sit down with community leader and fatherhood advocate Norman Young, founder of Man Cave and the seven-week curriculum A Father's Love. Norman shares how his Dad Detector Test helps dads uncover strengths, face blind spots, heal from past trauma, and move from fear-based parenting to a purposeful, love-centered approach.

Man Cave is making an impact across Muskegon County through free weekly cohorts, alumni connections, and partnerships with schools, recovery centers, and local nonprofits. If you've ever wondered how to strengthen fathers, families, and communities, this conversation delivers insight, hope, and practical next steps.

Listen to learn how to join a cohort, bring Man Cave into your organization, or support this growing movement of empowered fathers shaping Muskegon's future.

Episode link:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2269729/episodes/18367595-norman-young-man-cave>

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## Honduras Service Trip

This year's Chispa Project Library Build Honduras trip is June 21-28. The cost (minus airfare) is \$850 per person. This is the third year our Club and others, including the Grand Haven Club, have assisted Chispa in creating new libraries in Honduras. Contact **Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga** if you are interested.



Salvation Army Major Lynetta Poff and her newest employee, young toy poodle Velvet, accept a \$235 check from the Muskegon Rotary Foundation from **President Elect Roger Morgenstern**. With the help of **Assistant Sergeant at Arms Kevin Donovan**, who good naturedly collected fines from members at our Dec. 11 meeting, the Club raised the money for the local charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

## Upcoming Events in 2026

January 29<sup>th</sup>—Evening Happy Hour  
Thursday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7pm at the Delta with hors d'oeuvres and a 20–30-minute comedian show.

March—Visit to the Kids' Food Basket new facility.

June—Muskegon Clipper baseball car-load party.

June 30<sup>th</sup>--Aquastar boat tour of the Muskegon shoreline.

## Are These Your Gloves?

Contact **J. Griffith** if these are your gloves or if you may know who these belong to.



## Interact Insider

### Campbell Elementary EarlyAct (Mona Shores)



The thirteen 5th grade students of the Campbell Elementary (Monas Shores) EarlyAct Club, supported by advisors Katey Terpstra and Kelly Slagle, have been a busy group in their very first year of operation. The students meet twice a month, after school and during the school day, to plan and implement projects for the school, the community and the world.

Their community project benefitted Pound Buddies, where a candy cane sale netted over \$200. They will be shopping for items that will support the care and feeding of the animals there.

Coming up after the break, the students will be serving the school by providing helpers for the kindergarten and first grade classrooms, working with students and assisting the teachers by giving up their recess to spend time with the younger students. They will also be starting a paper recycling project for the school and will provide leadership and support for all grades.



Great to see these young leaders taking their call to "Service Above Self" to heart and working with such enthusiasm!

# Interact Insider

## Mona Shore Interact Adopt-A-Shores



Mona Shores Interact students spent some time on December 18<sup>th</sup> wrapping gifts and decorating stockings for their project “Adopt-A-Shores” - adopting families in need this Christmas and gifting them warm clothes, toiletries, and many other items in their wish list. The “Support a Shores’ Family” is a district-wide program where clubs and organizations are assigned one family to help. The students purchased the gift items from the family's wish list, wrapped them, and delivered them to the family in need. Rotarian **Martha Fohlbrook** supported the club's efforts and took the photos of the service work.



## Muskegon Montessori EarlyAct Visit



The Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change joined the Rotary Interact/EarlyAct family in 2025 thanks to the connection created by Rotarian **Dr. Emma McClintock**. Dr. Emma and instructor Andria Yost serve as the EarlyAct advisors. The students support the school community through environmentally focused projects, such as planting trees, providing cleanup at Dune Harbor Park, providing recycling services, raising salmon fingerlings for river release, and growing healthy greens in a classroom hydroponic garden. They were harvesting ingredients for a great looking salad on the day of my visit. We celebrate the addition of the Muskegon Montessori Academy for Environmental Change to our Rotary family.

